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25X1A SUBJECT: Telephone Call to Dr. Wheelon from
[redacted] of Eastman Kodak,
Rochester, New York re EK Reservations in
Participating in Proposed Working Group on
13-14 November 1963

Dr. Wheelon

I have raised this point with Carter and Houston. They see no problem - they feel this is of the highest National importance. This is one of Mr. McCone's pet ideas. We are prepared to do anything to set your mind at ease to get things underway. Houston is going to telephone the Justice Department to make sure there is no restraint of trade.

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There is a Section 708e, Public Law 774, which says that any such committee must be chaired by a full time government employee. Minutes must be open to inspection by the Attorney General; meetings can only be called by chairman and agenda prepared and included with the notification of the meeting. We do have a number of important points; namely, we feel care should be exercised that the participation by Kodak does not jeopardize our participation in other government work (conflict of interests). We have a company policy

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that no confidential relationship should be established involving release of or disclosure of information from Kodak people. We cannot in any way say if someone tells us something of interest to forget because someone in a large organization might come up with this the day before or the day after - this would be very difficult. There are a number of minor points; for example, problems that involve disclosure of substantive information....

If they require comment or action with respect to equipment, we might get into a conflict of interests. If we are talking about the C program, we have had some of our people work with ITEK - 1961-2. It would be rather embarrassing for example if we were asked to criticize the ITEK design.

Dr. Wheelon

We are not running a review board of people's design or practices, we are trying to establish the natural physical limitation on performance. We want to measure performance - it is my feeling to rule out any suggestions that we get into the design of films.



I'm not so concerned with film, we are trying to make certain that these products are not misused. Quite often

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we can only get the maximum results out of a certain piece of goods by the proper handling of the material, and proper handling subsequently when we go through the exploitation of the image of the material that is contained. I am concerned about being put into a position where we might have to criticize somebody else's design and I hope we would never be asked to condemn somebody's approach to a problem because we might have the counterpart to it which might solve the problem and we might be asked to comment on our approach to a certain problem or to a certain condition and it might be considered not necessary in the committee if a program is cancelled with Company X and the EK Company would come through with a program that might be superior and would receive an award. No matter how we would feel some people in the community would look at this situation askance. We would feel that if we went along with your request we would want to do everything we possibly can.

Dr. Wheelon

I think we can handle all of your concerns and they are proper concerns. This, frankly, was the only thing that made us hesitate to do this. We recognize as a potential cause of worry more than anything else it was a good gamble to take. It depends on the integrity of the people in the

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group and the people who will get the report. It will be my people, myself and McMillan.

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Is McMillan aware?

Dr. Wheelon

Yes. He will end up paying for it. The decision to receive this was made jointly. We would be the executive agent to do the job here in this building. Brock is very interested in it and he has a paper describing all of the objectives, approach, time schedule, etc. He is anxious that [REDACTED] be examined in a parallel way. Originally it was conceived to look at C only. We thought we would put first emphasis on C.

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Would this include O?

Dr. Wheelon

Yes. We are including that also. I think the details of the technology need not be unless they are deemed relevant. Our chairman, [REDACTED] would be very sensitive to these desires. Sid Drell will be playing a very large role as well. The two of them will be guiding the activity.

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Could I tell [REDACTED] to get on line?

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At this point Mr. [REDACTED] got on phone and was brought up to date on the conversation.

Dr. Wheelon

The objective of the group is not to come up with programmatic or design changes but to understand what causes the distribution of performance.

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[REDACTED]

If you understand what causes the distribution of performance, the design sense becomes apparent....

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[REDACTED]

and I could come see you on Tuesday.

Dr. Wheelon

The Director was thinking about sending out a letter. Could you indicate things you would like covered in the letter?

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[REDACTED]

Would it be possible Tuesday afternoon to sit down with you and General Carter or ~~Gilpatric~~ Kirkpatrick and go over the thing.

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Dr. Wheelon

We could send out a letter today.

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I think it would be good to talk on Tuesday. I feel we would be taking no great risk to start in.

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At this point it was decided that [REDACTED]

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and [REDACTED] would see Dr. Wheelon on Tuesday, 12 November, at 5:00 p.m.

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